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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of Southwest Gas Corporation (U 905 G) for Approval of Program Years 2007-2008 Low-Income Assistance Program Budgets.

Application 06-06-002
(Filed June 1, 2006)

In the Matter of the Application of PACIFICORP for Approval of 2007-2008 Low-Income Assistance Program Budgets.

Application 06-06-003
(Filed June 1, 2006)

In the Matter of the Application of West Coast Gas Company for Approval of Program Years 2007-2008 Low-Income Assistance Program Budgets.

Application 06-06-007
(Filed June 5, 2006)

In the Matter of the Application of Sierra Pacific Power Company (U903E) for an Order Approving its 2007-2008 Low Income Energy Efficiency and California Alternate Rates for Energy Plans and Budgets.

Application 06-06-009
(Filed June 1, 2006)

In the Matter of the Application of Alpine Natural Gas Operating Company No. 1 LLC (U909C) for Approval of Program Years 2007-2008 Low Income Assistance Program Budgets.

Application 06-06-011
(Filed June 7, 2006)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING CONSOLIDATING DOCKETS,
SETTING A TELEPHONIC PREHEARING CONFERENCE, AND SETTING
A SCHEDULE FOR COMMENTS ON THE ENERGY DIVISION REPORT**

Five utilities filed applications for 2007-2008 low-income programs and budgets as directed by the Commission in Ordering Paragraph 6 of Decision 05-07-014. In that decision, the Commission also directed Bear Valley Electric Service to file an application by June 1, 2006. Bear Valley has complied with this requirement.

In order to facilitate the efficient processing of these applications, I am issuing this ruling to consolidate them. Parties filing pleadings in more than one of the consolidated dockets can present those pleadings in a single document.

In addition, I will conduct a prehearing conference, by telephone only, on August 9, 2006 to identify interested parties, create a service list, and discuss procedural matters related to these applications. The call-in number for this telephone conference is 877-347-9604. The participant pass code is 771069. Please be prepared to raise any pending issues related to discovery as well as other matters of interest or concern.

Further, included with this ruling is a report of the Commission's Energy Division reviewing the applications and offering recommendations for action by the Commission. The Energy Division has prepared this report to facilitate a conversation among the parties without relying on costly evidentiary hearings. I encourage the applicants to undertake a careful review of the tables contained in this report and to inform the Commission, through comments, of any inaccuracies in the numbers. In addition, I encourage all parties to comment on the Energy Division's recommendations and to offer any other recommendations through opening comments. The reply comments will provide an opportunity for parties to respond to proposals or assertions contained in the opening round.

IT IS RULED that:

1. Applications 06-06-002, 06-06-003, 06-06-007, 06-06-009, and 06-06-011 are consolidated.
2. There will a telephonic prehearing conference in these matters held at 2:00 p.m., August 9, 2006. The call-in number is 877/347-9604 and the participation code is 771069.
3. The following schedule applies:

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date(s)</i>
Telephonic Pre-hearing Conference 877- 347-9604, Pass Code 771069	August 9, 2006, 2 pm
Comments on the Energy Division Report, served on Parties in the Consolidated Docket	August 18, 2006
Reply Comments served on Parties	August 30, 2006

Dated August 4, 2006, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ KIM MALCOLM
Kim Malcolm
Administrative Law Judge

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Dated August 4, 2006, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ ELIZABETH LEWIS
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